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South Carolina Republican Party
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Reference: Amended October Quarterly Report (7/01/02-9/30/02), received
11/25/02

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why they were made. Please amend Schedule B of your report to clarify the following description: "Correction of allocation".

The Commission notes the apparent refund the funds received from your non-federal account. You are advised that the transfer-in of funds from a non-federal account is prohibited by 11 CFR §102.5(a)(1)(i).

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of impermissible funds, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses an outstanding balance(s) beginning this period for a debt(s) owed to The SCGOP Non-Federal Account. However, an outstanding balance(s) at the close of the period was not disclosed on your July Quarterly Report. Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

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-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

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-Please clarify all expenditures made for "media service" and "media services" on Schedule(s) B and H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-On Schedule H3, you have provided "SC GOP Federal 1508 Lady Str" as the name of the account for a transfer(s)-in. Please amend your report to identify the full name of the non-federal account from which each transfer-in is made. 11 CFR §104.10(a) and (b)

-Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B supporting Line(s) 21(b).

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B and H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "events", "candidate services", "803-988-8440 ADMINISTRATION L 01120201", "940, PR 6/30/02 ADMINISTRATION L 01120201", "ADMINISTRATION L 0112020121", "consultant ADMINISTRATION L 0112020121", "consulting work ADMINISTRATION L 01120201", "Employee reimbursement ADMINISTRATION", "EVENT ADMINISTRATION L 0112020121", "EVENTS ADMINISTRATION L 0112020121", "reut ADMINISTRATION L 0112020121", "victory 2002 operating exp ADMINISTRATION", "WH 1601, 3.QUARTER 02 ADMINISTRATION L". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Administrative expenses, including bank fees, should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

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of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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